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1. CU/EE DIRECTOR RICHMOND MET WITH VICE MINISTER WALERY KUJAWSKI OF THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM DURING WHICH THE ASC WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. VICE MINISTER KUJAWSKI SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WAS AWARE THAT THE FORM OF "RECIPROCITY" IN THE U.S. WOULD, OF NECESSITY, DIFFER FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ASC AT THE WARSAW UNIVERSITY CAMPUS BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE MINISTRY DID NOT EXPECT SPECIFIC RECIPROCITY IN THE FORM OF A FORMAL POLISH STUDIES CENTER IN THE U.S. AT THIS TIME, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE MINISTRY WAS MOST INTERESTED IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH STUDIES IN THE U.S.

2. LATER IN THE DAY, RICHMOND MET WITH RECTOR ZYGMUNT RYBICKI AND PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ BARTNICKI OF WARSAW UNIVERSITY. RECTOR RYBICKI SAID THAT IT WAS URGENT THAT WARSAW UNIVERSITY RECEIVE AN ANSWER FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY CONCERNING THE DRAFT AGREEMENT VERY SOON. FYI: IT IS RUMORED THAT RECTOR RYBICKI MAY SOON BE TRANSFERRED TO A MORE
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RESPONSIBLE POSITION. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT HIS TRANSFER

WOULD CAUSE DELAYS FROM THE POLISH SIDE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC. WE THINK THEREFORE, THAT WE MUST MOVE ON THIS AGREEMENT ASAP. END FYI.

3. WE REQUEST THAT CU/EE CALL DEAN GEORGE WILSON AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND INFORM HIM OF THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

A. PARAGRAPH 1, D OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH PROFESSOR NUGENT CARRIED BACK TO INDIANA, REFERS TO A SCHOLARSHIP WHICH THE POLISH SIDE IS OFFERING TO THE AMERICAN SIDE, FOR A U.S. GRADUATE STUDENT IN ANY FIELD OF SPECILIZATION.

B. PROFESSOR FARNHAM REPORTS THAT THE LIBRARIAN FOR THE ASC HAS BEEN RETAINED BY WARSAW UNIVERSITY AND A SECRETARY IS BEING ACTIVELY RECRUITED.

C. PROFESSOR FARNHAM HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND FOR ONE MORE YEAR AT THE ASC. HE NEEDS FINAL APPROVAL FOR ANOTHER YEAR'S LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WHICH HE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE BEFORE FEBRUARY 1.

D. PROFESSOR HEDIN WILL INFORM US OF HIS DECISION CONCERNING RENEWAL FOR ANOTHER YEAR BY FEBRUARY 1.

E. WARSAW UNIVERSITY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE ILLINOIS/ WARSAW HISTORY EXCHANGE BE CONTINUED EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE ASC. WE CONCUR IN THIS REQUEST, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE A POSITION FOR ONE POLISH LECTURER IN THE U.S.

F. INDIANA'S OFFER OF ONE GRANT FOR A POLISH RESEARCH SCHOLAR SHOULD CONTINUE. WARSAW UNIVERSITY HAS NOT NOMINATED A CANDIDATE FOR THIS GRANT BECAUSE THE AGREEMENT WAS NOT YET SIGNED AND THEY WERE NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS GRANT WAS VALID BEFORE THE FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC.

G. WARSAW UNIVERSITY IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE 10,000 TO 20,000 BOOKS FOR A "POLISH STUDIES CENTER" IN THE U.S., PLUS COPIES OF THEIR COMPLETE ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF BOOKS IN POLAND.

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H. IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY WHICH RECTOR RYBICKI CONVEYED CONCERNING A RESPONSE FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEAN WILSON TRY TO GET EITHER 1) MUCIA TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ASC AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY AT ITS JANUARY MEETING, OR 2) INDIANA, ILLINOIS, AND PERHAPS WISCONSIN AND OHIO STATE, TO UNDERTAKE TO PROVIDE THIS SUPPORT ALONE AT LEAST INITIALLY.

4. WE FEEL THAT THE MINIMUM RESPONSE THAT WILL SATISFY THE POLISH SIDE FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR WOULD BE THE PLACEMENT OF TWO POLISH LECTURERS IN THE U.S. AND THE PROVISION OF ONE GRADUATE-RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FOR A POLISH SCHOLAR IN THE U.S. THUS, DEAN WILSON NEEDS TO PLACE ONE MORE POLISH LECTURER IN THE U.S. NEXT YEAR IN ADDITION TO THE LECTURER WHO WILL BE AT ILLINOIS UNDER THE CONTINUATION OF THE ILLINOIS/WARSAW HISTORY EXCHANGE. WE THINK THAT MUCIA, OR ONE OF ITS PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES, SHOULD BEAR THE EXPENSE FOR THIS VISITING PROFESSOR, AS WILSON INDICATED TO RICHMOND LAST WEEK. AS A FALL-BACK POSITION, CU/EE AND THE EMBASSY ARE PREPARED TO FUND THIS POSITION PARTIALLY TO THE SAME EXTENT AS WE ARE NOW FUNDING THE POLISH LECTURER AT ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY.

5. RECTOR RYBICKI SAID THAT HE HOPED TO OPEN THE ASC FORMALLY BY JULY 1, 1976, AND THAT HE NEEDED AT LEAST TWO MONTHS TO SECURE FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE AGREEMENT IN THE GOP MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. HE THUS HOPES TO RECEIVE A FINAL DRAFT AGREEMENT FROM INDIANA UNIVERSITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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